

King County and North Bend Landmarks nominated for National Register of Historic Places

Two historically significant properties were recently nominated to the National Register of Historic Places by the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The nomination will be forwarded to the Keeper of the Register for final approval, expected within the next few months.



Parker Family, ca. 1914

The **Nelson – Parker House** near Woodinville is nominated for its association with the settlement of the Sammamish River region and as an unusual example of hewn log construction. The house was home to several important area families, including Celestia and Joseph Parker who acquired the property around 1900. The house was most likely built around 1896 by N.E. and Matilda Nelson. The Nelsons were Swedish and Mr. Nelson hand-felled local cedar trees to make the logs, using a method of joinery known as keyed notching, a rare method for the area. The property was also home to Hope and Howard Munn beginning in 1946, who started a blueberry farm just below the house. The house is now the home of Judy and Paul Thomas; she is an accomplished artist, and he is a pioneering Washington wine maker.



Si View Park in North Bend is nominated for its association with the WPA program; for providing for the recreational needs of several generations of King County citizens; and as an excellent example of the Park Service Rustic architectural style. Built in 1941, its biggest



recreational draw has always been the indoor swimming pool, but the decorative details of the building and a direct view of Mt. Si has helped to maintain the park's prominence as a public facility in the county. The fieldhouse has numerous decorative details found on other rustic park facilities of the time including exposed rafter tails, wood multi-paned windows and a decorative balustrade on the exterior balcony that is reminiscent of Swiss Alpine chalets.